

# HAMATEUR CHATTER

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## From the President's Desk

Dave DeFebo - WB9BWP



Dave DeFebo

April saw Superfest at AES. I would like to thank (hope I don't miss anyone) Dick McNew - WB9PTC, Hans Schroeder - AE9G, Alfred Huwald - KB9SLC, Brian White - KB9LCQ, Pancho - KA9OFA, John Merkl - WB9PSE for spending time at the club table. Over at the other end of the building, handling VEC duties were John Kraak - KF9XL, Jim Tromblay - WB9LNU, Barbara Brewer - KB9TIV, Ken Caruso - KS4NX, Bob Immikus - W9CYI, Les Peterson - W9YCV, Jack Krause - W9JK, Matt Planning - KB9PRC, Ken Eggert - W9MOT, Dick McNew - WB9PTC, John Merkl -

WB9PSE, and Pancho - KA9OFA. Rick Kissell - WB9GYT polished off a one page info flyer on the club, got copies made and dropped them off the day before Superfest so we would have them on the club table. Notice some of the same names doing both club table duty and VEC duty. They deserve extra thanks. I hope we do not burn them out by working them too hard. How about some other people getting involved? Do you see the number of people needed to pull off something as simple as having a club table at an event

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## Milwaukee Area Nets

| DAY     | TIME    | MHZ     | ACTIVITY                                  |
|---------|---------|---------|---|
| Daily   | 6-8 AM  | 14.290  | Wisconsin/Florida Net (SSB)               |
| Daily   | 6:30 PM | 3.645   | Wis. Slow Speed CW Traffic Net            |
| MON-FRI | 8:30 AM | 3.965   | After Breakfast Club (SSB)                |
| MON     | 8:00 PM | 146.445 | Emergency Net                             |
| MON     | 9:00 PM | 146.670 | ARES Net (Milwaukee-Waukesha)             |
| MON     | 9:00 PM | 50.160  | 6 Mtr. General Net                        |
| TUE     | 9:00 AM | 50.160  | 6 Mtr. 2nd shifter's Net                  |
| TUE     | 8:00 PM | 144.250 | Badger Contesters (SSB)                   |
| TUE     | 8:00 PM | 7.035   | A.F.A.R. Net (CW)                         |
| WED     | 8:00 PM | 28.365  | 10-10 International (Milwaukee Ch.) (SSB) |
| THU     | 9:00 PM | 50.160  | 6 Mtr. General Interest Net               |
| THU     | 9:00 PM | 146.910 | Computer Net                              |

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|-----|----------|---------|---|
| FRI | 8:45 PM  | 28.490  | W9RH 10 meter MRAC Station Net (SSB)      |
| FRI | 9:15 PM  | 147.045 | W9RH 2 mtr. net following the 10 mtr. net |
| SAT | 9:00 PM  | 146.910 | Saturday Nite Fun net                     |
| SUN | 8:30 AM  | 3.985   | QCWA (Chptr. 55) (SSB)                    |
| SUN | 10:00 AM | 443.800 | FM-38 Link to 146.88 Baraboo SWAP Net     |
| SUN | 8:00 PM  | 28.365  | 10-10 International (Milwaukee Ch.) (SSB) |
| SUN | 8:00 PM  | 146.910 | Information Net                           |
| SUN | 9:00 PM  | 146.910 | Swap Net                                  |

The 2 meter frequencies are -600 khz offset FM repeaters. FM38 is +5 Mhz offset, tone 114.8. The 10 meter frequencies are upper sideband (USB). If there are additions, changes, or corrections to this list, please contact: Pancho - KA9OFA at 344-4694 or call **797-MRAC**. Our old number doesn't work any more.

and doing testing at the same time? I also would like to thank AES for hosting area radio clubs and testing. They do not have to do that. It costs them money to make the space and tables (and food) available. They also produce name tags for all participants. Thanks. By the way, we did get 1 new member and few more thinking hard about it at Superfest. That made it all worthwhile.

Most of the people listed for VEC duty at Superfest also did VEC duty at other recent testing sessions. We need more people to spread around the load. If you have an extra class license and are interested please contact John Kraak KF9XL. Did you get your extra within the last 15 years or so? If you did, then you took the test from a volunteer examiner. Why not repay the favor someone else did for you? I also want another person to back up John and Tom Fuszard (who takes care of electronic filing). If MRAC is to remain a VEC we need people to help!

The May meeting includes elections for 3 board members. We actually have 5 names to put on a real election ballot. Some are even people who have never held an office! The 5 people (we need 3 directors) are (alphabetically): Barbara Brewer KB9TIV, Mark Bye KB9LDX, Pancho Doneis KA9OFA, Al Drobac KB9NRS, Vern Teske W9RYA. Thanks for offering to run.

Field Day is coming up June 26-27. Jerry Melotik KC9EV is coordinating activities. All are welcome. This is a perfect opportunity to get in some HF operating especially if you do not have equipment or privileges. MRAC holds the club call W9RH and we have an Extra class trustee and will have Extra

class people on site, so everyone can operate as if they had Extra class privileges. More details next month and at the meetings. Hope to see you there.

At the beginning of April, I sent an email to Ed Metzger W9PRN ARRL Central Division Director and Howard Huntington Central Division Vice-Director. I have received a reply from Metzger. See elsewhere in this issue of the Chatter for the text of my letter and the reply. Form your own opinions. The next election is in 2000.

I have been in contact with officers of other clubs in the area. The subject is the future of amateur radio and the future of all our clubs. This month I will start a series of editorials on the future of amateur radio and the future of MRAC. I admit to stealing some of this material (or at least the ideas) from other recent editorials and discussions over email and in person (and some of my talking in the shower). Where the ideas come from do not matter. The fact that ideas do come and amateur radio and MRAC grow and continue into the next century is what does matter. By the way, don't agree with me? Or maybe you do but wish to express more comments. There is no reason the 'Chatter can not accept guest editorials (or just letters to the editor). Have something to say? Put it in print, I dare you.

Anyway, on to The Future of Amateur Radio and MRAC Part 1. It is easy to snatch segments of news items and headlines and create a doom and gloom picture for amateur radio. Conversely all is not rosy either. The ranks of licensed hams are not really growing. That trend will only get worse. The average age of hams is around 60. The number of young people be-

coming hams is rather low. Of the last 45 or so people to take a test at a MRAC testing session only 3 were under 21. We need a good number of young people coming in as the more mature hams move on. What got you interested in amateur radio? Could that same reason be applied to someone now? It is the responsibility of all currently licensed hams to work toward getting more people interested in the hobby and getting a license.

Amateur radio is a unique hobby in that we are granted access to a very valuable and shared resource, the radio spectrum. Governments and commercial entities would love to have the spectrum that we have. We must put our allocations to use. All of it, or lose it. We need more people becoming licensed and those that are licensed we need to be active. Believe it or not, there was a time when the ARRL actually said that there were too many hams on HF and tests should be made more difficult to keep the numbers down. Just another case of a bad decision coming back to bite you at some point in the future. We also need to educate and guide newer hams. Being thrown into the deep end of the pool (against your will) is really not the best way to learn to swim. Today there are a lot of demands on a person's time.

Why should someone spend time on amateur radio and then spend time in a club too (maybe even running for President)? Have any ideas? Let us know!

Not wanting this to be the Dave newsletter, this rant will continue next month. See you at the meeting.

73.

*Dave B. Melotik*  
Dave WB9BWP

PRIVATE CHATTER

# MRAC Board Meeting 4/26/99

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 at Mark's QTH.

The previous meeting minutes were read and approved as written.

A brief treasurers report was given by Dave in Ken's absence. Liquid assets \$957.81, CD's \$6000.00

Al Drobec, a guest at the meeting says he will run for a director's position at the next election.

Al and Mark were working on the club patch contest.

VEC news — Dave has sent in the information to the FCC on testing from AES SuperFest. Tom - KF9PU has sent in all the other test sessions. So far the VE program has been running smoothly due to the many efforts of all the past VE's and the outstanding new volunteers.

John and Tom both deserve a hand for the professional manner that they have used to take over the VE program after Ed Wille died. John Kraak - KF9XL told Dave that he has been get-

ting very unusual requests from out of state hams looking for VE information.

The last sponsored VE test by MRAC before summer vacation will be May 29th at AES. Testing will resume in September.

The Logo Design Contest has been postponed to the May meeting.

Brian - KB9LCQ will have the club's new roster ready for distribution to the members with the July or August 'Chatter.

1999 Field Day Chairman — Jerry KC9EV says that he and Matt - KB9PRC will bring the food and they are looking for additional helpers. Fred Linn - W9NZF says that the Depot is reserved for us again this year. Pancho says he will have info about Field Day in the 'Chatter and he would like some members to write about there past experiences at Field Day.

Brian has requested the use of the overhead projector for May's club program.

Dave read the letter he sent to

ARRL director and vice director for the central division. Metzger responded with a very short letter saying that he doesn't have time now, perhaps maybe in the fall some time. No response from Huntington.

The board had another discussion on ideas to bring new hams into the club. Some ideas were to have a FOX Hunt, operate a station at the meetings or have amateur radio class again that go beyond the video tapes for no-code tech.

The meeting adjourned at 9:18. Thanks to Mark for the use of his QTH.

One final note: We have found that MRAC is not the oldest continuously active club. The South Jersey Radio Association says that they have been continuously active since June 12, 1916. MRAC started in 1917.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jim WB9LNU*

Jim - WB9LNU

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## Orv - Silent Key

Silent Key Orville A. Stewart - KA9ONQ (Orville's Never Quiet) Orv Passed away Friday - 5/7/99 at Franciscan Woods in Brookfield at the age of 88. He was preceded in death by his late wife, Anne Matte and is survived by a daughter, Bettyann Matte of Waukesha, and two sons, Walter "Bud" of St Peters, Mo., and Robert of Lake Geneva, 6 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. He was active in MRAC having served several years as Treasurer and Parliamentarian. He usu-



*Orv at Field Day last year*

ally attended our ARRL Field Day (with a packet station) and was responsible for arranging for a place for our Christmas party for several years. He was a member of the

Optimist Club, former Lieutenant Governor and District Governor of Optimist International, former member of the Press Club, Vince Lombardi Foundation Board and American Radio Relay League (ARRL).

He was retired Advertising Manager of Miller and Gettelmann Breweries.

He was a Veteran of WWII.

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# MRAC Club Meeting 4/29/99

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 P.M.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as written.

Treasurers report: Liquid assets \$957.81 CD's \$6000.00.

Ken also mentioned that Bart - W9JJ from the ARRL sent a letter. He had a very nice time and thanks everyone for everything.

The mic was passed for all to I.D.

John KF9XL -- VE report. All is going well and he appreciates all the help he is getting. Testing at SuperFest went very well.

Dave sent a letter to the ARRL director and vice director of the central division. Metzger's response was very short and basically said he doesn't have time to come to a club meeting now and perhaps maybe sometime in the fall.

Ted - WA9RDI asked if the club will print new business cards now that we have a new

phone number. Dave responded that we should and we will discuss it further at the next board meeting.

Verne Teske - W9RYA has paid the down payment for the club's Christmas Party. It will be a sit down dinner. A quarter barrel of beer will cost \$65 and soda is \$5 for a pitcher ( about 8 glasses). The restaurant needs two weeks notice on the food selection. The basic meal is \$10.89 plus the cost that the club must add to cover prizes and entertainment. The members at the meeting voted for Broasted Chicken and a Beef dinner menu. Verne will check on the music and let us know at the next meeting.

Jerry Thompson - WA9SFH was reported to be in the hospital. The latest report is he is doing OK and getting better.

Next month's the election for 3 new directors to the club board. Nominations are:

Pancho Doneis - KA9OFA

Mark Bye - KB9LDX

Al Drobac - KB9NRS

Barbara Brewer - KB9TIV

Verne Teske - W9RYA

Three people must be elected at the next meeting.

Ken Eggert - W9MOT is also looking for someone to take over as Treasurer for the Club.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15.

The evening program was on early consumer VTR's and cameras by Jim WB9LNU.

Brian White - KB9LCQ will be the speaker at next month's meeting.

Thanks to Tom and Jacquie for running the raffle and to the members for donating the equipment.

Thanks to our kitchen crew for the soda and donuts.

Respectfully submitted,



Jim - WB9LNU

Secretary

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## A Study of Health Behaviors

You are invited to participate in a research project on health behaviors. The overall purpose of this study is to learn more about how people think about participating in health behaviors. We want to hear from people who do and do not participate in a number of health behaviors.

Being in the study would involve responding to four sets of questions. It should take you about

one hour to complete the entire questionnaire, including about 45 minutes for the critical thinking assessment.

You are able to receive \$1000 in appreciation of your time if you complete the entire questionnaire. You may choose to either receive this award yourself or donate it to your group. Your participation in this study may benefit others in the future by learning more about

people's participation in health behaviors.

If you decide to participate, you can choose either to stay after the meeting on May 27, 1999 to complete the questionnaire or to set up a different time with the nurse researcher.

Thank you.

Lori Settersten

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# LETTERS TO and FROM Mr. Metzger

From: David B. DeFebo  
<wb9bwp@execpc.com>

To: <w9prn@arrl.org>

Sent: Friday, April 09, 1999 1:15 AM

Subject: Milwaukee Radio Amateurs Club

Dear Mr. Metzger,

This is a little late, but congratulations are in order on your recent victory in the ARRL central division director election. I am President of the Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club (MRAC) - W9RH in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. MRAC is the oldest continuously active radio club in the world. The club was formed in 1917 and became affiliated with ARRL in 1919. Contrary to other old clubs, MRAC never suspended operations during either World War. Hence, "Oldest continuously active radio club". Currently we have approximately 150 members with over 100 ARRL members, many of them life members. We publish a monthly newsletter of 6-10 pages. Our monthly meetings average 40-50 attendance. Some of the meetings we have had in the last year included an original working spark transmitter, an appearance by a director candidate, a presentation on M.A.R.S. by the regional coordinator of the Navy, an overview of new Yaesu ham equipment, AMSAT, a talk on "Radio Warfare" during World War II by the author of the book of the same title, how to read schematic drawings, basic digital electronics, and new Kenwood equipment. Our March meeting featured an appearance by Bart Jahnke of ARRL. That meeting had an attendance of 63. Upcoming meetings include the history of video tape recording. Some other club facts. We

are one of 14 VEC's in the entire country. If you eliminate ARRL and W5YI who are really commercial operations, there are only 12 real volunteer VECs. Between 1976 and 1996 the club conducted classes in ALL grades of amateur license with over 500 people attending (including some traveling up to 90 miles for classes). We have contributed monies to ARRL almost every time they ask. Yet when we ask for a small article

know of it or do anything about it (or if he did something, no one heard of it), the ARRL gets involved after the damage is done and after presenting a plan, disappears. ARRL does not enjoy a positive image, especially in this area. How would you like to attend a club meeting and try to improve that? We enjoyed a personal appearance by a director candidate. We had an appearance by a league employee. We would like to talk to our elected director in person. Having Bart Jahnke talk was very interesting. Bart is an ARRL employee, not elected, not a policy maker. We would like the perspective of our elected official. We are very interested in hearing from our elected officials on matters concerning the league and amateur radio. We feel the only time we hear anything is when the league wants money. We never hear from our directors or even section manager. I would not have even known of the Volunteer Counsel if I did not look him up on the League web page. We meet the last Thursday of every month. Any meeting after May is currently open. We would like to properly publicize you as a meeting speaker, and would like sufficient time for that.

I am sharing this letter with our board and I will share your response with the membership. I am also sending a copy of this correspondence to our Vice-Director, Howard Huntington. I look forward to hearing from either or both of you soon.

73,

David B. DeFebo - WB9BWP  
President The Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club Inc.

## Reply from MR. Metzger

Sent: Friday, April 09, 1999 4:07 PM

Subject: Meeting

Dear David:

What a coincidence....just packing for my annual trek to the Madison Hamfest. Will start the 300+ miles drive at 8 A.M. tomorrow.

I have been at the MARC meetings three times over the years. Great Bunch of Goys. Their Christmas dinners were great also.

My schedule until about October is heavy. The last Friday of April I will be traveling to Dallas-FtWorth for ARRL EC Meeting for instance. Keep me in mind and I'll do my best to see what I can do.

Best of 73's.

Ed Metzger

on our 80th anniversary we do not even get a response until after the fact and then it was sorry, we can't. When the city of Milwaukee proposes and passes an overly restrictive ordinance for towers, not only does the local ARRL volunteer counsel (The Volunteer Counsel Program has several goals. It was developed to provide a better means of tracking and, when necessary, opposing local ordinances and statutes that might have a detrimental effect on the Amateur Radio Service and League members.) not

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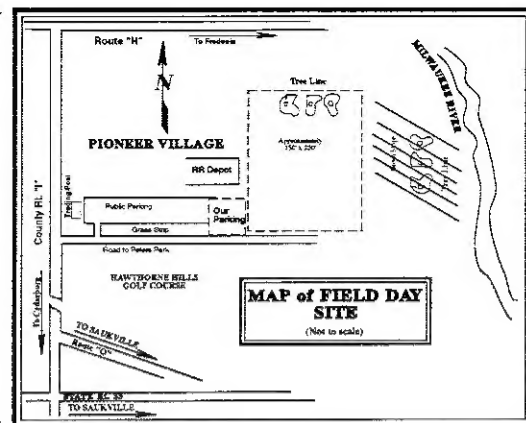
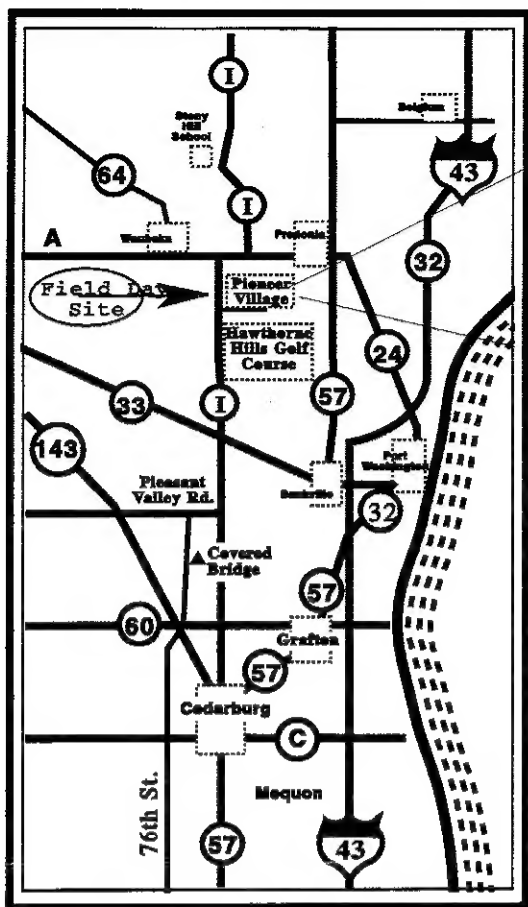
# **DX report Rick Kissell - WQB9GYT**

Due to the Number of contacts amassed by WB9GYT the report is somewhat abbreviated. This just goes to show you what can be done with a bit of "radio" fishing. This is just the last contacts from 3/27- 5/16/99, while his report was from 2/18-5/16. OK, Guys and Gals. It's your turn.

| Date | GMT  | Station   | MHz    | RST | QTH                             |
|------|------|-----------|--------|-----|---------------------------------|
| 3/27 | 0349 | RV9CNW    | 14.027 | 439 | Ekaterinburg, s.w. Siberia      |
| 3/27 | 1655 | YO5ALI    | 28.019 | 579 | Oradea, Romania                 |
| 3/27 | 1719 | EA1APL    | 28.018 | 569 | Oviedo, n.w. Spain              |
| 3/28 | 0024 | LU2ODR    | 28.009 | 449 | Salta, Argentina                |
| 3/28 | 0057 | LU3MAM    | 14.029 | 439 | Mendoza, Argentina              |
| 3/28 | 0112 | UA9MMD    | 14.026 | 339 | Omsk, s.w. Siberia              |
| 3/28 | 0120 | UA9LL     | 14.026 | 449 | Tumen, s.w. Siberia             |
| 3/28 | 0131 | EX8ML     | 14.026 | 439 | Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan             |
| 3/28 | 0208 | UA9UAM    | 14.026 | 339 | Kemerovo, s-cent Siberia        |
| 3/28 | 0222 | UA9JLW    | 14.026 | 339 | Surgut, n.w. Siberia            |
| 3/28 | 0333 | UA3MAG    | 14.025 | 439 | Yaroslavl, n-cent. Euro. Russia |
| 3/28 | 0341 | UA6HDF    | 14.026 | 339 | Stavropol, s. European Russia   |
| 3/28 | 0358 | UA9SGE    | 14.026 | 339 | Buzuluk, s.e. European Russia   |
| 3/28 | 0402 | RU6AW     | 14.026 | 339 | Anapa, s.w. European Russia     |
| 3/28 | 0409 | UT5PK     | 14.026 | 339 | Berdyansk, s.e. Ukraine         |
| 3/28 | 1826 | EA7GOJ    | 21.034 | 559 | Malaga, s. Spain                |
| 3/29 | 0057 | RK9JWZ    | 14.025 | 339 | Surgut, n.w. Siberia            |
| 3/29 | 0112 | R9UM      | 14.025 | 439 | Novokuznetsk, s-cent. Siberia   |
| 3/29 | 0120 | RK9KWI    | 14.025 | 339 | Noybrsk, Siberia                |
| 3/29 | 0127 | UA9OJG    | 14.025 | 439 | Novosibirsk, s-cent. Siberia    |
| 3/29 | 0208 | RZ9OZ     | 14.026 | 559 | Novosibirsk, s-cent. Siberia    |
| 3/29 | 0432 | UR4LKI    | 14.027 | 439 | Kharkov, n.e. Ukraine           |
| 3/29 | 0446 | UA4PMO    | 14.028 | 339 | Cheltn, e. European Russia      |
| 3/31 | 0350 | UR3IDD/MM | 10.103 | 599 | n.w. of Azores Islands          |
| 4/5  | 1805 | 9A1GIJ    | 21.026 | 569 | Bjelovar, Croatia               |
| 4/5  | 1814 | S59MA     | 21.026 | 449 | Medvode, Slovenia               |
| 4/7  | 0427 | EV6M      | 14.029 | 439 | Vitebsk, Belarus                |
| 4/8  | 0239 | UA9FAR    | 14.030 | 559 | Perm, n.e. European Russia      |
| 4/8  | 0245 | UN9P      | 14.032 | 449 | Aktau, Kazakhstan               |
| 4/8  | 0252 | RU9UZ     | 14.032 | 569 | Novokuznecko, Siberia           |
| 4/8  | 0258 | RA9MC     | 14.032 | 569 | Omsk, s.w. Siberia              |
| 4/8  | 0313 | RA9FN     | 14.032 | 439 | Perm, n.e. European Russia      |
| 4/8  | 0319 | UN7FY     | 14.032 | 339 | Pavlodar, Kazakhstan            |
| 4/9  | 0302 | RU4HH     | 14.025 | 339 | Samara, s.e. Euro. Russia       |
| 4/9  | 0309 | UA3TAE    | 14.025 | 569 | Gorky, n-cent. Euro. Russia     |
| 4/9  | 0318 | UA9AON    | 14.025 | 449 | Magnitogorsk, s.w. Siberia      |
| 4/9  | 0331 | UA3NER    | 14.025 | 339 | Neya, n.e. Euro. Russian        |
| 4/9  | 0403 | UX7QQ     | 14.025 | 339 | Zaporozhye, Ukraine             |
| 4/10 | 0222 | SV1EUR    | 14.025 | 579 | Evia Isl., Greece               |
| 4/11 | 1508 | RN3FA     | 21.032 | 569 | Serpukhov, near Moscow          |
| 4/11 | 1544 | UA4HEJ    | 21.035 | 579 | Samara, s.e. Euro Russia        |
| 4/11 | 2034 | 9H1EL     | 21.025 | 569 | Rabat, Malta                    |
| 4/12 | 0355 | EZ7ST     | 14.035 | 339 | Turkmenistan                    |
| 4/12 | 1745 | UY0CA     | 18.079 | 339 | Cherkassy, Ukraine              |
| 4/13 | 0126 | UA9MHN    | 14.028 | 569 | Omsk, s.w. Siberia              |
| 4/13 | 0335 | UE4CAA    | 14.033 | 449 | Aanatow, Russia                 |
| 4/13 | 1742 | EX8MZ     | 18.072 | 339 | Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan             |

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| 4/14 | 0307 | AP2NK     | 14.025 | 439 | Islamabad, Pakistan               |
| 4/14 | 0348 | 4K9C      | 14.032 | 569 | Baku, Azerbaijan                  |
| 4/14 | 2325 | UK8IZ     | 14.031 | 449 | Samarkand, Uzbekistan             |
| 4/14 | 2355 | UA9OWG    | 14.027 | 449 | Novosibirsk, s-cent. Siberia      |
| 4/15 | 0217 | UA9SH     | 14.025 | 579 | Mednogorsk, s.w. Siberia          |
| 4/15 | 0331 | JY9QJ     | 14.025 | 589 | Amman, Jordan                     |
| 4/15 | 1855 | IS0SGV    | 18.069 | 449 | Cagliari, Sardinia                |
| 4/16 | 0317 | 4L3Y      | 14.028 | 449 | Tbilisi, Georgia                  |
| 4/16 | 1424 | ER5AA     | 18.081 | 439 | Kahul, Moldova                    |
| 4/18 | 0219 | RA9MA     | 14.026 | 569 | Omsk, s.w. Siberia                |
| 4/19 | 0146 | UA4FLA    | 14.027 | 439 | Penza, cent. Euro. Russia         |
| 4/19 | 0149 | OH6OB     | 14.027 | 339 | Nykarleby, Finland                |
| 4/19 | 2154 | FM5NA     | 18.070 | 599 | Martinique                        |
| 4/19 | 2155 | 9H1AL     | 18.080 | 559 | San Gwann, Malta                  |
| 4/19 | 2301 | YL2DX     | 14.028 | 449 | Riga, Latvia                      |
| 4/21 | 1748 | 4N0X      | 18.073 | 589 | Yugoslavia                        |
| 4/21 | 1821 | VQ9DX     | 18.076 | 589 | Chagos Isl. (Diego Garcia)        |
| 5/3  | 2254 | TT8DF     | 18.071 | 559 | N'Djamena, Chad                   |
| 5/4  | 1833 | SP2DX     | 18.070 | 449 | Gdansk, Poland                    |
| 5/5  | 0040 | UX8ZA     | 14.026 | 449 | Nicolaev, Ukraine                 |
| 5/5  | 0050 | UA9SC     | 14.027 | 449 | Orenburg, s.e. Euro. Russia       |
| 5/5  | 0152 | RK9AWC    | 14.026 | 569 | Chelyabinsk, s.w. Siberia         |
| 5/5  | 1405 | RU0LAX    | 14.030 | 559 | Vladivostok, s.e. Siberia         |
| 5/7  | 0237 | RW4FE     | 14.040 | 339 | Niznij Lomow, cent. Euro Russia   |
| 5/7  | 0301 | LZ2LP     | 14.040 | 569 | Lovetch, Bulgaria                 |
| 5/7  | 0313 | UT5MD     | 14.028 | 559 | Kremenchug, Ukraine               |
| 5/7  | 0331 | T22JY     | 18.077 | 449 | Tuvalu                            |
| 5/8  | 0245 | TA2DD     | 14.027 | 569 | Istanbul, Turkey                  |
| 5/8  | 1338 | S57PW     | 18.069 | 569 | Ljubljana, Slovenia               |
| 5/8  | 2018 | LU2YAX    | 28.027 | 569 | Neuquen, Argentina                |
| 5/9  | 0032 | T93Y      | 18.074 | 559 | Sarajevo, Bosnia                  |
| 5/9  | 0112 | RU1AO     | 18.070 | 449 | St. Petersburg, n.w. Euro. Russia |
| 5/9  | 0126 | EI8FY     | 18.070 | 579 | Dublin, Ireland                   |
| 5/9  | 0140 | RW9SG     | 18.071 | 439 | Orenburg, s.e. Euro. Russia       |
| 5/9  | 0516 | TK/DL8NBH | 18.074 | 579 | Corsica                           |
| 5/9  | 0518 | LZ100PV   | 18.069 | 339 | Shoumen, Bulgaria                 |
| 5/9  | 1523 | OM0WR     | 18.080 | 569 | Snina, Slovakia                   |
| 5/9  | 1850 | OK2PO     | 24.901 | 559 | Zlin, Czech Republic              |
| 5/10 | 1649 | XX9TRR    | 21.041 | 339 | Macao                             |
| 5/11 | 0352 | ER3GQ     | 14.028 | 569 | Beltsy, Moldova                   |
| 5/11 | 0421 | YO9AEL    | 14.036 | 558 | Ploiesti, Romania                 |
| 5/11 | 0442 | RW4LK     | 14.035 | 439 | Ulyanovsk, cent. Euro. Russia     |
| 5/11 | 0450 | LY2BN     | 14.036 | 449 | Pasevezys, Lithuania              |
| 5/11 | 2128 | 4K54C     | 18.077 | 449 | Baku, Azerbaijan                  |
| 5/13 | 2010 | OD5NJ     | 18.088 | 599 | Antelias, Lebanon                 |
| 5/13 | 2231 | UA9KZ     | 14.029 | 439 | Yamal Peninsula, n.w. Siberia     |
| 5/13 | 2246 | A45XR     | 18.072 | 439 | Muscat, Oman                      |
| 5/15 | 0208 | BA1DU     | 21.025 | 439 | Beijing, China                    |
| 5/15 | 0222 | VU2RAK    | 21.043 | 339 | New Delhi, India                  |
| 5/15 | 0253 | RU9TX     | 21.026 | 449 | Orenburg, s.e. Euro. Russia       |
| 5/15 | 0303 | 4K8F      | 18.071 | 449 | Baku, Azerbaijan                  |
| 5/15 | 0530 | OM4RM     | 21.026 | 229 | Prievidza, Slovakia               |
| 5/15 | 0609 | SM3EAE    | 18.080 | 229 | Hammarstrand, Sweden              |
| 5/16 | 0229 | EW3LB     | 14.025 | 439 | Baranovici, Belarus               |
| 5/16 | 0503 | SP8YA     | 14.040 | 589 | Rzeszow, Poland                   |

# Discover Field Day 1999



Welcome to our 1999  
Field Day Site  
Sat. and Sun. June 26 & 27  
It's an over night affair, so if you're  
so inclined, spend some evening or  
early morning hours with us!

*Maps to our Field Day site*

Talk in frequency is:  
147.045 MHz + W9RH repeater

## Special Requests

I have a special request from a club member. Ron Hagen KB9KYI needs help to put a 3 element beam on a 10 foot tripod on the flat roof of his house. Ron is handicapped and can't do the work himself. The tripod is already bolted to the roof. And the beam is partially assembled.

Besides mounting the antenna, the coax and rotor cable must be installed. I have volunteered to help Ron if I can get additional club members to help also. The date of installation is still in question until we get our volunteers together. Please call Ron at 453-6505. Ron lives at 631 S. 60th St. in Milwaukee.

Another request from Carol Heinen of Port Washington. Carol was a past member of the club. She got her novice license with the help of Travis Baird W9VQD. She has a very old Philco floor mounted radio that she would like to get working. She is looking for a volunteer to help her find someone to look at the radio or repair it. If you are interested in restoring an old Philco radio please call her at 414-268-0720 She is willing to pay a reasonable price to get it working and would like an estimate.

Jim WB9LNU



Articles and information for the newsletter should be received by the editor no later than the first of the month of publication. If received after the first of the month, its inclusion in that month's edition cannot be guaranteed. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Please mail submissions to:

HamateurChatter  
Pancho Doneis - KA9OFA  
1958 N. 38th St.  
Milwaukee, WI 53208



# VE HAM RADIO EXAMS

**VE Testing 4/24/99**

## VE HAM RADIO EXAMS

You will not be permitted to take the exam without these items:

- 1) Your original license (if you have one) and one photocopy of it.
- 2) Any CSCE's you may have (and a photocopy of each).
- 3) Two forms of identification (examples: driver's license and social security card)
- 4) \$6.45 (exam fee).



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Walk-ins are welcome, but pre-registration is encouraged if possible. To register in advance, send a post card on which you have printed the grade of license for which you are applying, your name, address and telephone number to:

Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club  
P.O. Box 25707  
Milwaukee, WI 53225

For more information about testing, call:

797-MRAC (new number)  
(797-6722)

If you have questions about a new license or upgrade, you may call the FCC at: 1-888-225-5322.

MRAC VE testing was held on April 24, 1999 at AES. VE's in attendance included:

Barbara Brewer - KB9TIV  
Ken Caruso - KS4NX  
Bob Immekus - W9CYI  
Kate Kedney - KA9MWT  
John Kraak - KF9XL  
Norm McNew - KB9QL  
Joe Mettry - AA9DO  
Bob Schroeder - K9RW

There were 3 candidates for examination, and 1 was successful in getting a new license.

73,  
John (KF9XL)

## Discover Field Day

Basically, Field Day is a time in June (usually the last weekend) set aside for fun and also to check out our Emergency Preparedness.

The group will get together and set up at least one station (probably more like 3 stations) (on emergency power, preferably out in the boondocks somewhere) and at noon (E.S.T.) on Sat. they start operating and gathering as many points (contacts) as possible.

Points are given for contacts with extra points being given for solar power, packet station contacts, etc.

On Sun. at noon, the whole works comes to a halt and everything is taken down by Jim Tromblay - WB9LNU and whoever else he can round up get the fun of storing away all of our Club Field Day equipment and calculating the points that our Club has earned.

It's a lot of fun and you learn a lot about your Club, fellow Club members, operating a radio on VHF, HF and on various modes of communications (with which you may or may not be acquainted). You would even get a chance to see our famous ladder tower which is erected with a rotator and beam antenna on top.

Plans are shaping up for this year's ARRL Field Day. Jerry Melotik - KC9EV is chairman of the Field Day Committee. If any of you out there would like to be on the committee or just help out at the event it would be greatly appreciated. Help is needed to set up, operate our station(s), and tear down. We especially need operators for Saturday night. We also need people for the food committee. If interested, please, call Gerald Melotik - KC9EV (358-0107), Dave DeFebo - WB9BWP (529-5583), or (797-MRAC) (our Club phone no.). You need to be licensed to operate, but you don't need a General class license. If you have a license but no equipment to operate or would like to try out a new mode, here's your chance to get your feet wet. Get away from it all and have a fun weekend. Also here's an opportunity to set up a quasi-emergency radio station and to operate HF and VHF equipment from an authentic train depot, complete with a caboose. In the past we've had HF, VHF, CW, SSB, and packet equipment. If someone would like to set up a solar station, feel free to do so. There is

plenty of equipment to use, as well as experienced people to help you along as you dive in. (Think of it as an adventure.)

Meals will be provided. Sleeping accommodations are a bit rough (depot benches - not very comfortable), so please, bring whatever you might be comfortable in (blanket, sleeping bag, pillow, mosquito repellent). There is plenty of parking space, too.

This year's Field Day takes place on Sat. - June 26 through Sun. - June 27 (officially, 1:00 PM our time on Sat. through 1:00 PM our time on Sun). We will be starting to setup between 8:30 AM. The location (arranged for by Fred Linn - W9NZF) is at Pioneer Village 10 mi. north of Cedarburg on Hwy "I".

Come for a couple of hours, over night, or for the whole time.

While you're out there, why not bring the family and visit the rest of Pioneer Village? It's well worth seeing.

*Pancho*

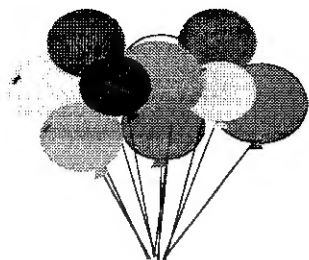
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# Our People

## June Birthday

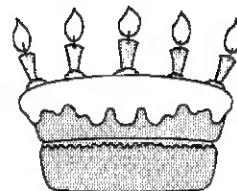


Myron W. Hendrickson - KA9MWV

Birthdate

June 7

73 de KB9LCQ - Brian



# !! Happy Birthday !!

## Credits

Thanks to our news contributors this month:

KB9BWP WB9GYT WB9LNU  
KB9LDX

We also would like to thank Al Drobak, Alfred Huwald, and Myron Hendricks for taking care of the refreshments at our meetings.

Thanks to Tom Scherlowski - N9UFJ and Jacquie Horwitz for running the raffle

Thanks to Rita Doneis, Armin Doneis, III, and Kristi Potochnik for their help in the proofreading dept.

Our thanks go to John Merkl and Barbara Brewer for making sure that the 'Chatter gets printed, stamped, and mailed.

Our Thanks to Matt Karshna for the new 'Chatter format.

*Thank you very much!*

## Editor's Notes

Hi, again,

Jerry Thompson - WA9SFH at St. Michaels Hospital. He's been moved from ICU to Rehab and is in Room #275. Visitors are welcome for short visits. It's best if you could visit after 4:00 pm.

We have ARRL Field Day coming up on Sat. & Sun. - June 26 & 27th. Jerry Melotik - KC9EV has accepted the position of Chairman of the Field Day committee. We need more people on the committee and also to come out to the Field Day site (*Pioneer Village, north of Cedarburg*). Give Jerry a call.

We could use more people to help with the refreshments at the meetings. We could always use more people to help with VE

exams. There is no end of the projects (large and small) to be done.

Our Friday night (10 and 2 meter) nets need participants.

Well, I guess that's about it for now.

Hope to see you at the meeting.

73,

*Pancho*

Pancho - KA9OFA



WANTED CHATTER

# A

activities  
(ham)

## CLUB MEETINGS

### Milwaukee Radio Amateur's Club

Last Thursday of the month 7:30 p.m.  
Redemption Lutheran Church  
4057 N. Mayfair Rd.  
Milwaukee, WI

### Ozaukee Radio Club

Second Wed. of each month  
7:30 p.m.  
Grafton Multipurpose Senior Center  
Grafton, WI

## CLUB MEETINGS continued

### Menomonee Falls Amateur Club

Last Wed of the month  
Doors open @ 7:00 p.m. Mtg. @ 7:30 p.m.  
Bank One Bldg. @  
Pilgrim Rd. and Mequon Rd.  
Germantown, WI

### Miller Valley Radio Amateur Club

Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.  
at 703 N. 39th St.,  
just north of (and almost under)  
the Wis. Ave. viaduct.  
For info contact: Art - WA9AWJ  
(found daily on the 146.91 repeater).

### South Milwaukee Amateur Radio Club

First Wednesday of each month  
American Legion Post 434  
9327 S. Sheppard Ave.  
Oak Creek, WI  
Auction at March & October mtgs.

### West Allis Radio Amateur Club

Meets the second Tuesday of each month  
at 8:00 p.m.  
At St. Peter's Episcopal Church  
7929 W. Lincoln Ave.  
West Allis, WI

## HAM CLUB ACTIVITIES

### CQ Third Tuesday

11:00 a.m.  
Old Country Buffet  
164th and Bluemound

### Y'all come(!) to the MRAC HAM BREAKFAST

every Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. at  
Maxim's Restaurant  
18025 W. Capitol Dr. (a bit west of Calhoun).  
Prices are reasonable, the food good, and the  
company excellent.

### First Friday Fish Fry

Serb Hall at 51st and Oklahoma Ave. Call:  
Warren - K9IZV on the 146.91 - offset for  
reservations by noon on that FRI.

### W9RH-10 & 2 METER NETs

W9RH Ten Meter Net 8:45 PM at 28.490  
MHz. SSB Friday evenings at 9:15 2 meter FM  
repeater at 147.045 + offset. We'd like to meet  
you there.

# E

events  
(upcoming)

\* - Indicates VE testing

### MRAC Membership Meeting

Thu. - May. 27, 1999  
Redemption Luth. Church  
Fellowship Hall  
4057 N. Mayfair Rd.  
Milwaukee, WI

### ARRL Hamboree 21 & Iowa State Convention \*

Fri. & Sat. - June 4 & 5, 1999  
Marina Inn  
South Sioux City, NE  
T/I on 146.31/91 rpt

### Tailgate Swapfest

Sat. - Jun. 5, 1999  
St Paul Technical College  
St. Paul, MN  
T/I on 146.16/76 rpt.

### CWRA Swapfest SwapFest & Auction \*

June 6, 1999  
University Center  
Stevens Point, WI

### Princeton HamFest & Computer Show

SUN.- June 6, 1999  
Bureau Cty. Fairgrounds  
Princeton, IL  
T/I on 146.955 (-600) PL 103.5

### Electronic Rummage Sale

June 10, 11, & 12, 1999  
3260 Carol Ct.  
Oak Creek, WI

### 6 Meter Club of Chicago 42nd Annual Hamfest

Sun. - Jun. 13, 1999  
DuPage Cty Fairgrounds  
Wheaton, IL  
T/I on 146.52 simp or 146.37/97 (107.2)rpt.

### Midland Amateur Radio Club HamFest \*

June 19, 1999  
Midland Cty Fairgrounds  
Midland MI

Monroe Hamfest  
Sun. - June 20, 1999  
Monroe Cty. Fairgrounds  
Monroe, MI

### ARRL Field Day

Sat. & Sun. -  
June 26th & 27th, 1999  
Pioneer Village  
Cedarburg, WI

### S.M.A.R.C. SwapFest '99

Sat. - July 10, 1999  
American Legion Post 434  
Oak Creek, WI  
T/I 146.52 simp.

### Eau Amateur Radio Club

HamFest  
Sat - Jul 10, 1999  
Eau Claire, WI

### HamFest '99

Sat - July 11, 1999  
Will Cty Fairgrounds  
Peotone, IL



# MRAC



This Month's meeting:

Thu. - May 27, 1999

7:30 PM

Program:

Brian White WB9LCQ will talk about  
APRS.

since the topic somewhat complex

Location:

Redemption Lutheran Church

Fellowship Hall

4057 N. Mayfair Rd.

(Use the south entrance)

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Please! Don't call the Church  
for information!!!

Board meeting: Mon. - May 23, 1999

Next meeting;

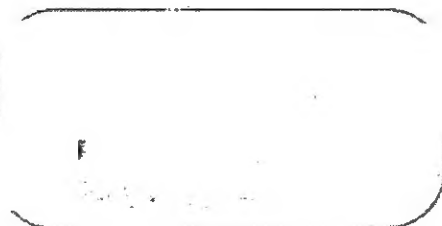
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HamateurChatter Deadline is May 1, '99

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